

# News Release



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## **Mono County Cowboy Music Event Planned to Help Preserve a Popular Historic Mining/Ghost Town**

The Bodie Foundation, in partnership with the local communities of Bridgeport and Lee Vining, will host a Benefit Concert to help stabilize buildings at Bodie State Historic Park. The event will be held at the Bridgeport Ranch Barn and Terrace, located at 68 Twin Lakes Road, Bridgeport, California, on July 16, 2011 from 6PM to 10PM. Featured performers are: Cowboy Entertainer Dave Stamey, the “Charlie Russell of Western Music” and Professor David Bourne, “The piano player at the Gem Saloon in HBO’s Deadwood.” Tickets are \$35.00 per person and are available online at [www.BodieFoundation.org](http://www.BodieFoundation.org) or by calling (760) 647 – 6564. They are also available at the Museum in Bodie.

Once called the “Wildest Camp in the West,” Bodie State Historic Park is the best example of a western mining camp dating back to the 1860’s. Today, Bodie is preserved in a state of “arrested decay” by California State Parks. The 200 + buildings date from the 1870’s to the 1890’s. Bodie is also known for “bad men, bad whiskey, and the worst climate out-of-doors.” Winter storms can generate winds in excess of 125 miles per hour and snow can sit in drifts of up to 20 feet. With conditions like these, the structures are in constant need of repair and stabilization. Currently, there is a backlog in needed repairs to the buildings in excess of \$1,000,000.

The Bodie Foundation is a non-profit cooperating association that provides support to Bodie State Historic Park, Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve, and Grover Hot Springs State Park. The Foundation raises money to preserve, protect and enhance the public enjoyment of these parks. This support is particularly important during the current fiscal crisis in California and State Parks. Visitation to Bodie ranges from 170,000 to 200,000 people per year. Many of those visitors patronize local businesses while they are in the area. This benefit will help protect Bodie while assisting the local economy.

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